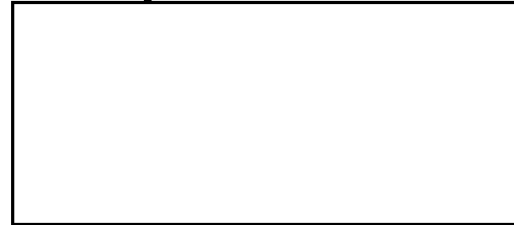


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*BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN:

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[REDACTED] CHANCES FOR RESOLVING SOME OF THESE DIFFERENCES WILL BE CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED.

ONE MAJOR PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE FATE OF 195 PAKISTANI PRISONERS OF WAR IN INDIA, WHO WERE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM REPATRIATION IN THE NEW DELHI AGREEMENT LAST AUGUST BECAUSE OF BANGLADESH'S INSISTENCE THAT THEY BE HELD FOR WAR CRIMES TRIALS.

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[REDACTED] THE PAKISTANIS PROPOSED THAT THEY BE RETURNED TO PAKISTAN, WHERE THEY MIGHT YET BE TRIED. [REDACTED]

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ANOTHER MAJOR PROBLEM HAS BEEN DACCA'S INSISTENCE THAT FORMAL RECOGNITION BY ISLAMABAD MUST PRECEED ANY NEGOTIATIONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MUJIB IS STILL UNWILLING TO MEET PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO PRIOR TO RECOGNITION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

THE TWO COUNTRIES, OF COURSE, ARE STILL FAR APART. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE PAST, BOTH MUJIB AND BHUTTO HAVE CHANGED DIRECTION ON SHORT NOTICE WHEN THEY BELIEVED THEY LACKED POPULAR SUPPORT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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